



## Robert Elmer Ritchie

February 12, 1932 - March 22, 2022

Robert E. Ritchie, “Bob” of Rock Hall, MD, died on March 22, 2022, at his home. He was 90.

He was born in Philadelphia, PA, on February 12, 1932, the son of the late R. Elmer and Catherine Carter Ritchie, and brother of six.

He was a 1950 graduate of Collingdale High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He married Dorothy Wenner on May 30, 1953. Mr. Ritchie served in the Navy Reserves as a Quartermaster on a submarine from 1950 until his honorable discharge in 1963. He resided in Collingdale until moving to Glen Mills, PA, in 1963.

Mr. Ritchie owned and operated Gillespie and Ritchie Inc., a plumbing, heating, and HVAC company for over 50 years. He was a member of Concord Lodge #625 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1991. He moved to Rock Hall, MD, in 1993 and joined Chester Lodge #115. His Masonic career spanned over 60 years. He was a member of Wesley

Chapel. He was also a member of Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion Post #228 in Rock Hall where he served as Chaplain. He was a past member of Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474, was an Amateur Radio Operator, an EMS Club member, and was very involved in Boy Scouts eventually becoming Scoutmaster of Troop 260. He then started and skippered Sea Scout Ship 260 in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ritchie enjoyed flying (and once owned and flew a Piper Cub), bird carving, fishing, hunting, cooking, skiing, radio-controlled planes and boats, boating, and extensive travel with his wife. Simply put, he enjoyed life and could do just about anything.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Robert "Bob" E. Ritchie III (Jennifer) of Rock Hall, MD; a daughter, Ellen Louise O'Donnell (Edmund Kollhoff) of Chester Heights, PA; and two grandchildren, Shannon Dorothy O'Donnell and Michael Anthony O'Donnell II.

Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr, Centreville, MD 21617; the Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion Post #228, 21243 E. Sharp St., Rock Hall, MD 21661; or Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company P.O. Box 577, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Elmer Ritchie*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Robert Elmer Ritchie*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert Elmer Ritchie*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Tom & Sue Hyatt lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie*



Tom & Sue Hyatt - March 30, 2022 at 06:45 PM

JS

“ Dear Dorothy, family and friends of Bob’s,

*On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Bob’s passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow “Bubblehead” departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Becuna SS-319.*

*To our “Brother-of-the-Phin” we say, “Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas.” Thank you for your service to our country.*

*Dorothy and family... “may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you.” 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).*

*Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,  
National Chaplain, USSVI.*

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**Jim Sandman** - March 26, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ Jack Christian lit a candle in memory of  
Robert Elmer Ritchie



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**Jack Christian** - March 26, 2022 at 02:54 PM



*So sorry for your loss! He was a wonderful person.*

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**Jack Christian** - March 26, 2022 at 02:55 PM

FT

“ RIP Bob.



Frank Titus - March 26, 2022 at 09:37 AM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie



Charles & Donna Edwards - March 25, 2022 at 02:10 PM

R&

“ Rick & Jeanne lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie



Rick & Jeanne - March 24, 2022 at 09:32 PM

SF

“ Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie



shirley Foster - March 24, 2022 at 07:42 PM

SW

“ *Sherry Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie*



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**Sherry williams** - March 24, 2022 at 06:49 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie*



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**John M Larrimore** - March 24, 2022 at 06:41 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie*



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**Connie Fithian** - March 24, 2022 at 04:25 PM

KB

“ *Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie*



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**Kaye Barnes** - March 24, 2022 at 02:40 PM

JC

“ I first met Bob as an employee in 1983. My time there helped me start my own company. But more importantly was the friendship that developed with him and all the family members. Boating and a mutual Masonic affiliation brought us closer. Joan and I extend our condolences for the loss of Bob.  
Joan and Jesse Crouse



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**Joan and Jesse Couse** - March 24, 2022 at 12:29 PM

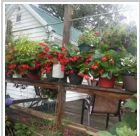
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“ Bob And Sandy Rust lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie



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**Bob and Sandy Rust** - March 23, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie



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**Sherrie Jacobs** - March 23, 2022 at 03:19 PM

CC

“ *Chestertown Cardiology lit a candle in memory of Robert Elmer Ritchie*



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**Chestertown Cardiology** - March 23, 2022 at 01:58 PM

JE

“ *Me Bob was one of the greatest men I ever had the honor to know ,let alone call a friend , he will be dearly missed ,but I know he is in a better place*



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**Jamie Elburn** - March 23, 2022 at 01:26 PM